(d) what steps are being taken by Government to clear the said proposal of the Punjab State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Two proposals for construction of Yatri Niwases at Gulberga and Dharward have recently been received from the State Government of Karnataka.

(b) No proposal has been received from the State of Punjab for central assistance for the year 1994-95.

(c) and (d) do not arise.

Expert Committee on Aviation Sector

3100. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has gone into the capacity required in the aviation sector in India;

(b) when this Expert committee submitted its report;

(c) whether it is a fact that this Committee advised against the acquisition of any more planes for Indian Airlines; and

(d) what recommendations of this Expert Committee have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Expert Committee submitted its report in March, 1994.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The various aspects of the report are being examined by the operators and regulatory authorities.

Cheffair air Catering Services

3101. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the employees of the Cheffair Air Catering Services, a unit of the Hotel Corporation of India are agitating since long;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Union Leaders are on relay hunger strike since long;

(c) if so, what are their demands;

(d) whether it is a fact that the pay and perks of the officers have been increased manifold whereas the employees have not been given due increase; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in the matter so that the unit's work does not suffer and the unit start earning more profits?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Union Category employees of Cheffair flight kitchen, Delhi which is a unit of Hotel Corporation of India had been agitating for wage raise since 31.5.1994. the Union wanted a wage rise of the order of Rs. 400 /- p.m. This could not be agreed to by the management. Therefore, the employees were on agitation.

Wage increases to employees in Public Sector are negotiated on the basis of the guidelines of the DPE and there is no direct linkage between the pay revision for Officer category and Union category employees.

It has been reported that the agitating employees have since agreed to a wage settlement after further negotiations with the Management.

Aircraft with Indian Airlines

3102. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrfts in service with Indian Airlines as on 30th June, 1994 together with their types, supplier price in U.S. Dollars, date of purchase and seating capacity;

(b) how many of them were not in service but were in possession of Indian Airlines alongwith the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Aircrafts sold by Indian Airlines/Air India to private air services during the last three years with the type, selling price and date in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABAI AZAD): (a) Fifty four aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are in service as on 30th June, 1994, the details of which are as under:—

Type of Aircraft	Manufacturer/ Supplier	Seating Capacity	No. of Aircraft in service
Airbus A-300B 2	M/s. Airbus Industries, France	250	8
Airbus A-300B 4	-do-	248	2
Airbus A-320	-do-	162	26
B-737-200	M/s. Boeing Co., U.S.A.	126	18

The price in US Dollars and date of delivery of the above aircraft are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Five aircraft in possession of Indian Airlines are not in service. Out of these two are B-737-200 aircraft, which were grounded as per Government Directive for being more than 20 years of age. The remaining three are F-27 aircraft. These have been phased out of Indian Airlines operations.

(c) Indian Airlines and Air India have not sold any aircraft to private air services during the last three years.

Statement

DETAILS OF AIRCRAFT

Airbus A-300 aircraft

(US$ in Million)

REGN. NO.	DATE OF DELIVERY	PURCHASE PRICE
VT-EDW	29.11.76	23.763
VT-EDX	31.12.76	23.717
VT-EDY	11.05.78	26.112
VT-EDZ	08.06.78	26.256
VT-EFV	25.10.79	29.086
VT-EFW	18.07.80	31.440
VT-EFX	07.08.80	31.770
VT-EHC	18.05.82	44.084
VT-EHD	27.05.82	48.656
VT-ELW*	01.07.90	11.000

* The aircraft was earlier on lease from Airbus Industrie and was converted into sale w.e.f. 1st July, 1990.

DETAILS OF AIRCRAFT

Airbus A-320 aircraft

(US$ in Million)

REGN. NO.	DATE OF DELIVERY	PURCHASE PRICE
VT-EPB	21.6.89	39.351
VT-EPD	27.6.89	39.351
VT-EPC	03.7.89	39.351
VT-EPE	07.7.89	39.351
VT-EPF	18.7.89	39.351
VT-EPG	07.8.89	39.351
VT-EPH	08.9.89	40.148
VT-EPI	14.9.89	40.148
VT-EPK	27.9.89	40.148
VT-EPJ	13.10.89	40.148
VT-EPM	27.11.89	40.802
VT-EPO	12.1.90	40.802
VT-EPP	23.1.90	41.632
VT-EPQ	08.2.90	41.632
VT-EPL	28.9.90	40.828
VT-EPR	28.9.90	41.632
VT-EPS	28.9.90	41.632
VT-EPT	28.9.90	41.632
VT-ESA	23.2.93	44.330
VT-ESB	29.3.93	44.592
VT-ESC	02.6.93	44.795
VT-ESD	25.6.93	44.963
VT-ESE	29.7.93	45.059
VT-ESF	05.8.93	45.059
VT-ESG	22.12.93	45.926
VT-ESH	29.5.94	46.634

DETAILS OF AIRCRAFT
Airbus B-737 aircraft
(US$ in Million)

REGN. NO.	DATE OF DELIVERY	PURCHASE PRICE
VT-ECP	26.9.74	5.474
VT-ECS	13.11.74	5.474
VT-EDR	8.10.75	6.087
VT-EDS	15.10.75	6.087
VT-EFK	10.11.77	8.017
VT-EFM	8.12.77	8.017
VT-EGD	16.06.80	10.268
VT-EGE	14.07.80	10.542
VT-EGF	21.07.80	10.542
VT-EGG	13.08.80	10.542
VT-EGH	18.02.81	11.134
VT-EGI	23.09.81	11.665
VT-EGJ	30.09.81	11.665
VT-EGM	18.03.81	12.541
VT-EHE	04.08.82	13.800
VT-EHF	21.08.82	13.800
VT-EHG	18.08.82	13.800
VT-EHH	08.09.82	13.800

Exodus of Pilots and Engineers from IA

3103. *SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:* Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pilots and engineers who left Indian Airlines and joined Air Taxi Operators during the last one year and so far during the current year;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measure Government propose to take/have taken to stop the exodus?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) 40 pilots and 29 engineers left Indian Airlines in 1993 and 16 pilots and 16 engineers have left in 1994 (till 1st of August), due to the following reasons:—

(i) Personal/domestic reasons.

(ii) Prevailing conditions in IA

(iii) Given no reason.

The exact number of pilots and engineers who have joined Air Taxi Operators is not known, as none of them expressed such an intention in their resignation letters.

(c) The following steps have been taken to check exodus of pilots and engineers from Indian Airlines:—

(i) Director General of Civil Aviation has directed all Air Taxi Operators in the country not to employ any employee of the national carriers without a 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer.

(ii) As per amended service regulations of Indian Airlines, an employee can resign from the service of the company only after giving six months' notice in writing, and the provision for depositing pay in lieu of notice has been withdrawn.

(iii) A trainee pilot has to execute a bond for Rs. 10 lakhs to serve the company for a minimum of 10 years, after initial training and ten years after every conversion/ edorsement.

(iv) Two settlements one of Flight Duty Time Limitations and the other on Productivity linked payments have been signed with Indian Commercial Pilots' Association, by which the emoluments of pilots have been increased in return for increased flying hours.

Increase in air-fares by Indian Airlines and Air India

3104. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India have lately increased or propose to increase the air-fares, and also to narrow down the difference between the fares of 'J' class and 'Y' class;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons therefor; and

(c) what additional passenger facilities are proposed to be provided to passengers with the hike in fares?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) *AIR INDIA*

Air India and all International Airlines have jointly increased International airfares from